

## ABSTRACT

There is provided a toaster grill having a lower housing that supports a  
5 lower cooking surface and an upper housing that supports an upper cooking  
surface. The upper housing pivots with respect to a "U" shaped frame that is  
hinged with respect to the lower cooking surface. A locking hinge allows the  
pivoting motion of the frame to be automatically arrested in an intermediate  
orientation between the fully closed and fully open grill orientations. The  
10 locking hinge automatically resets when the upper housing is rotated from the  
fully open grill orientation to the fully closed orientation.